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Tamworth 4WD Club Newsletter - JULY 2023

Club Meetings - 2nd Tuesday each month.
6:30pm at St Johns Hall.
72 Napier Street, Tamworth.
(Diagonally opposite Anzac Park)

Last meeting : 13th June 2023. 6:30pm.

Next meeting : 11th July 2023. 6:30pm.

Facebook : Tamworth 4wd Club

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tam4wdclub@hotmail.com

Tamworth 4wd Club

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2021-2022 Committee

President	- Paul Ellison	e: president.tam4wdclub@gmail.com
Vice President	- Dave Maunder	
Secretary	- Jodie Thompson	e: secretary.tam4wdclub@gmail.com
Treasurer	- Leanne Middleton	e: treasurer.tam4wdclub@gmail.com
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Publicity Officer	- Adrian Altona	
Equipment Officer	- Paul Ellison	
Newsletter Editor	- Dave Maunder	
Public Officer	- Graeme Hodge	
Driver Awareness Officers	- Graeme Hodge, Leanne Middleton, Dave Maunder	
Trip Advisors	- Graeme Hodge, Leanne Middleton, Paul Ellison, Dave Maunder	

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Editors Dribblings

Hi Everyone,

Just a friendly reminder that it is membership renewal time.
$60 per family for the year.

Vic High Country trip is set for three weeks in April 2024. Tag along !

!! CHRISTMAS IN JULY !!
Tag along for the social weekend. Sit, drink, relax around a bon fire Saturday night. Night drive is being ran by Graeme, so expect something a little decent !
The creek is running beautifully, and a lot of it can be driven giving that extra little bit of driving excitement.
Few cool prizes for a raffle and we might even dig up a hill climb competition and fun-khana.

Tamworth 4wd Club Monthly Meeting. 11th April 2023

Meeting opened: 6:34pm. 7 members present.
Apologies: Leanne, Jodie, Chrissy, Rick & Katrina, Adrian. Visitors: nil.
Members in attendance : Col, Dave, Graeme, Shaun, Richard.

Business arising

Correspondence in

-May Association Newsletter
-Ballina Club Newsletter
-Port Macquarie Club newsletter
-Coffs Harbour Club Newsletter

Correspondence Out

-May Clubs Newsletters to members, clubs and sponsors.
-June Association newsletter. to members.

Financials

-Working account : $273.38. Reserve account : $3091.38
-Affiliation fees paid : $352.00
-Reminder that memberships are due. $60 per family for the year.
-Membership payments : Jodie, Ricky & Katrina, Dave & Chrissy.
-Direct deposit is preferred. The clubs bank account details are on page 2.

General business

-Membership form to have more contact details & pricing.
-Col & Leanne decided to pay membership until club picks up.
-Graeme : Motion to move Grant Sweetman from Life Membership.
Discussion: This listing is not correct & not official. Moved: Col.
-Another month of sponsor ads. Then if no payment, ads to be removed.
Discussion: Free advertisement for years with no or little payment.
Motion: Col. Seconded: Graeme.
-Discussion on Christmas in July.
- Generator fuel and gas bottle sorted
- Bonfire built by Col & Dave.
- Slashing around shelter to be done before working bee.
- Two course Saturday night dinner : $18.00 adult, $10 child.
- Leanne organising donations of a small set of prizes for a raffle.
- Dave to donate one Alpaca Roast for taste testing.
- Graeme to do the night run. Night drive at 5:30PM
- Dinner around bonfire towards the 7:00pm mark.
- Bon fire NOT to be lit too early !!! 6pm-ish.
- Map to Springvale to be included in this newsletter.

-Vic High Trip - itinerary to be amended with listing of current persons going.
-Graeme says Hi to everyone.

Meeting Closed at 7:22pm

TRIPS AND TRIP IDEAS

Christmas in July
'Christmas in July'. To be on the weekend of the 28-30th July.
Working bee : 22/23 July. Bon fire *is* built. Slashing will be done.

Terri-Hie-Hie to Ningulailly Pub - Richard.
Cruisey trip sightseeing the partial outback and end up at a pub.
September 2023.

Vic High Country - Col. April 2024.
See details over a few pages.

Sofala, Hill End loop trip – Col. Date to be set in warmer weather.

Mt Kaputar – Col. Date to be set and further info to be found.

Gloucester to Werrikimbe via back roads – Col.
Date to be set in warmer weather.

Coffs Harbour Trip – Paul. Date to be set
Mountains and Pebbly Beach.

Taylors Arm – Paul. Date to be set.

Coolah Tops trip – Dave. Main Forest road past falls to Breeza Lookout is closed once again (March). Maybe Oct long weekend?

Springvale

TAMWORTH 4WD CLUB

The clubs annual Christmas in July social 4WD weekend is on once again .
28-30th July.

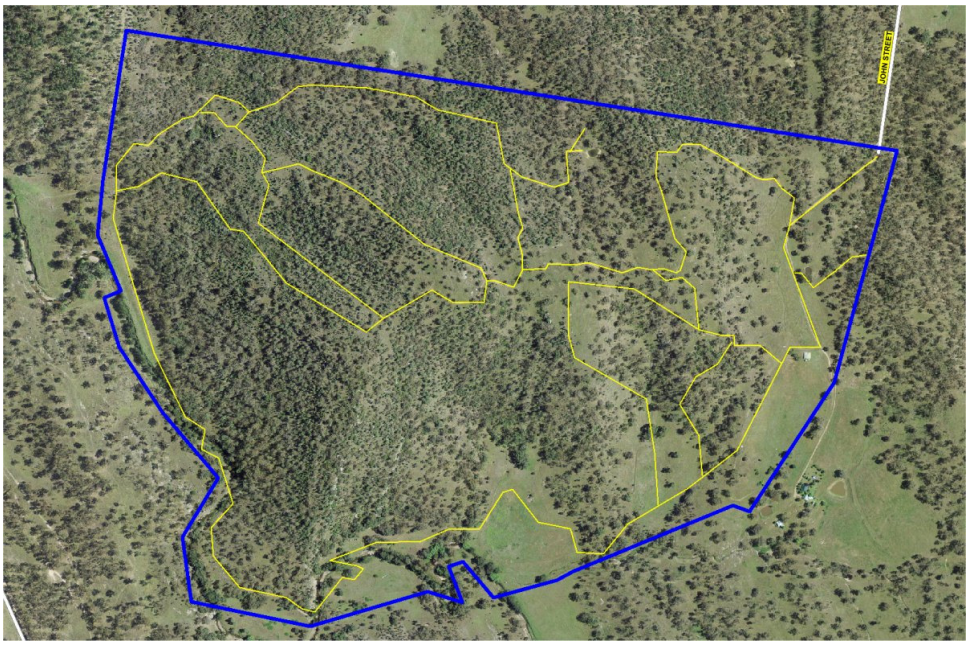
Held on a 500 acre property at Wallabadah. 10 kilometres of 4wd tracks to explore - from easy to hard. BYO camping gear & food. BYO 4wd. BYO drinks. Kids welcomed. Dogs are not (working farm)
Three course Saturday night feed around a bon-fire : $18.00
If you are wanting to meet new people, or are interested in joining a local 4wd club, then this is for you.

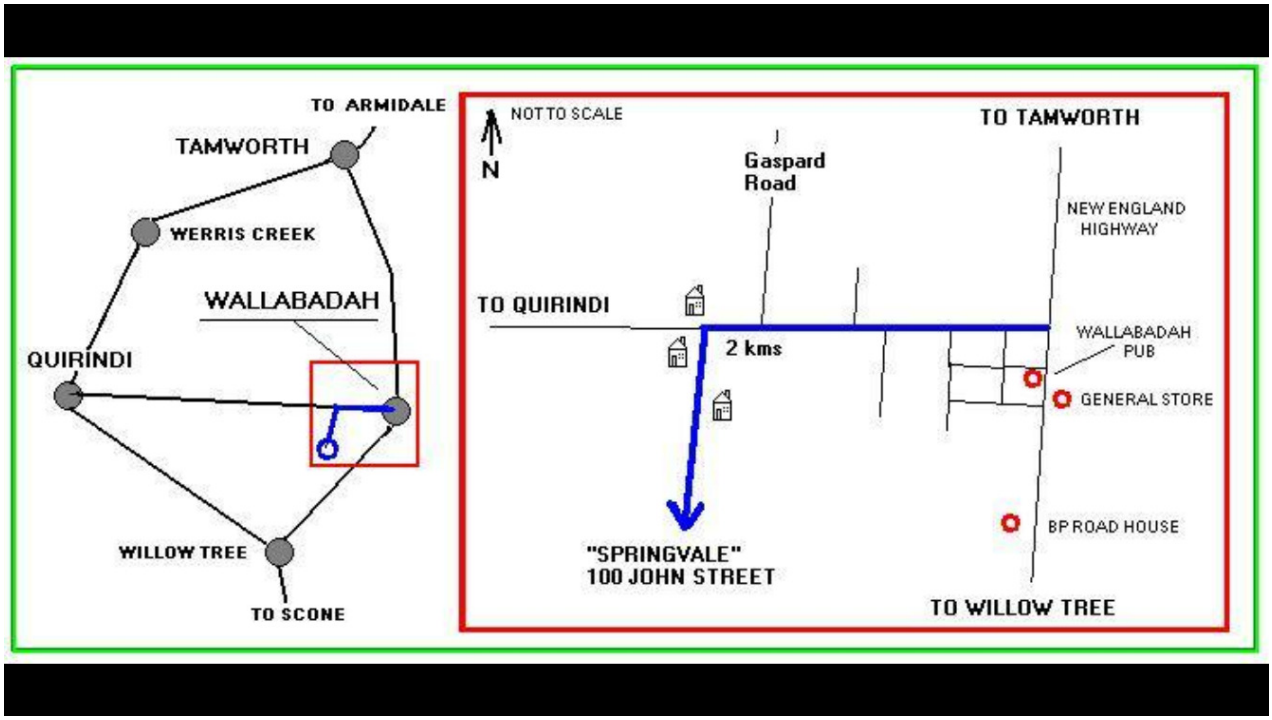
RSVP : 10/July to tam4wdclub@hotmail.com or phone/message 0429656363.

Xmas in July? Why celebrate?

Australia has British and European heritage, so there's a strong attachment to the tradition of celebrating Christmas in cold weather. That's why there's 'Christmas in July', which is also known as Yulefest or Yuletide in Australia.
July is generally the coldest month of winter, so celebrations emulate the atmosphere of the northern hemisphere winter. So that means hearty food like roasts, and warm drinks in front of fireplaces and bonfires.
Christmas in July does not replace the real Christmas in December, and is enjoyed as an extra celebration. It's not an official holiday and it's not celebrated by everyone, but its popularity is growing.

Around 10km of tracks to explore from easy to wild.
Boundary track is ~5km in length.





Victoria High Country April 2024 – General Plan

Day 1. 8th April. 320km. Leaving Tamworth 8th April 2024.Meet in Dubbo (Bunnings) on Mitchell Highway. Travelling to Cootamundra. 321 km. Find a camp site.

Day 2. 9th April. 269km. Junee, Gundagai, Tarcutta, Holbrook & Yackandandah. Site seeing along the way.

Day 3. 10th April. 72km, 111km. Yackandandah, Beechworth, Glenrowan (explore area). 72km. On to Mansfield via Whitfield. Find a camp for two days. 111km.

Day 4. 11th April. 62km. Mansfield to Craig's Hut, overnight in swags. Rough track lo-range driving for part.

Day 5. 12th April. 0km. Rest Day.

Day 6. 13th April. 281km. Mansfield to Omeo. Sight seeing along the way. Find a campsite. Base camp.

Day 7. 14th April. Explore the area over following days, with rest day. We then set a plan each night to see areas, such as Casillis, numerous huts, Blur Rag range, Dogs Grave, Falls Creek, overnight swag trip to Dargo. Bright, Mount Hotham, Mount Beauty.

Day 12. 19th April. 100km. Head towards Tom Groggin. Possible 3 nights. Exploring Kosciusko National Park.

Day 15. 22nd April. To be decided and worked out.

Day 18. 25th April. 1200 km.

Heading towards home on the 25th, to be home on the 27th April.

This itinery is not set in stone - there will be a meeting & BBQ at Col & Leanne's closer to the date and when it is known who will be attending the trip, to see what others would like to see and do during the trip.

Please notify Col and/or Leanne as soon as you can if you are coming on this Vic High Country trip. Ph: Col 0407 617 442 or Leanne 0408 605 343.

Three week trip. Pack for cold & wet weather. Possible snow. Be prepared !
Grade trip from one through to a hard three (out of a rating of five).
Majority of the trip will be cruisey grade one.

Max number of vehicles on trip : 8 vehicles.

Current list going :
Col & Leanne Middleton
Paul Ellison & Mel Bridge
Dave & Karma Walters
Graeme Hodge as a high possibility.
Dave Maunder

National Parks booking scheme notes

- Clarify the need for the booking system to remain in place and its benefits to park operations.
- An offshore company is being paid the booking fee, are there cost recovery for the administration of the booking procedure?
- Remote campsites that are underutilised shouldn't require a booking procedure
- Unable to make group bookings, impacting clubs who are the ones you want in the parks.
- Compliance enforcement and confrontation and procedure policy
- Unable to make alterations due to circumstances outside of our control
- centrally booking office struggles with park location and the travel times required when parks close via a text message
- Volunteer today and pay tomorrow has little to no value, driving members away from the VIP system.

4WD NSW & ACT Inc solution.

- Registered incorporated clubs are not required to pay the booking fee
- Group booking by a club delegate, who can provide dates, numbers, and vehicle details if required
- Unofficial campground host, able to assist and report park issues or complaints
- One point of contact within the booking system.

Benefits

- Clubs operate under a code of conduct
- Clubs adhere to tread-lightly guidelines
- Nationally accredited training is part of our fabric
- Compliant roadworthy vehicles
- Reporting procedure in place
- Communication channels between clubs for sharing campground status
- Large mobile base Volunteer resource
- Large depth of knowledge and skills, including education and sustainability
- Actively enhancing the park experience for other patrons.
- Credibility with peers and industries
- Extremely large social media footprint allowing us to reach a target audience efficiently

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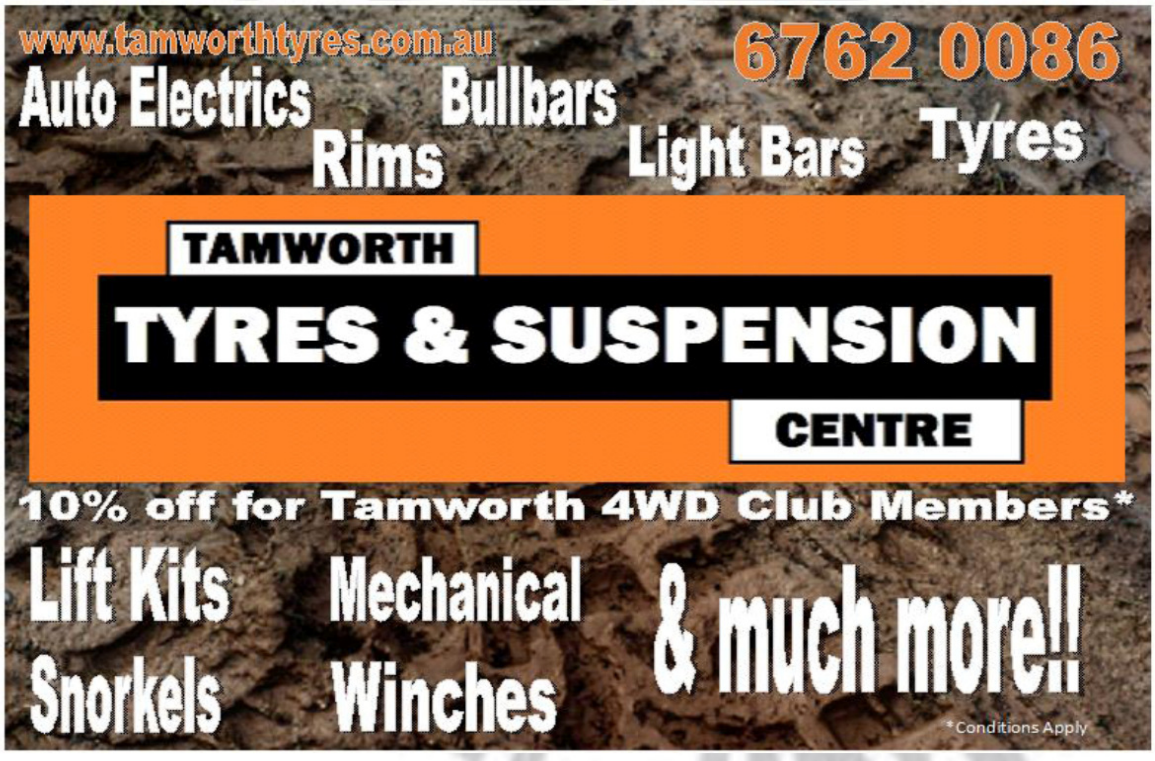

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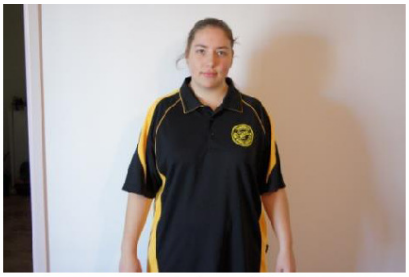
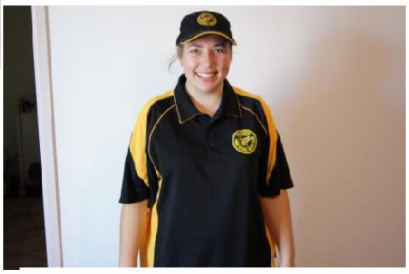
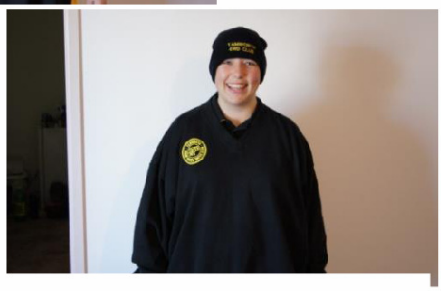
Trip Leader Responsibilities

- The trip leader is responsible for ensuring that the trip is conducted in a safe and responsible manner.
- All members who reserve a place in your trip should be recorded, their phone number and an emergency contact number taken. This will allow you to advise them if the conditions change or to contact Family in the event of n emergency.
- A reconnaissance trip and good maps and/or knowledge of the area are required to conduct a safe trip.
- Any permission for access needs to be obtained beforehand.
- It is your responsibility to decide if the weather conditions have altered the trip grading, as you may need to advise the participants before the trip.
- At the start point, introduce yourself, check-in all participants, collect the donation for Westpac Helicopter, check the correct equipment if necessary, and explain the nature details of the trip to all. Assign a main backup UHF channel at this point.
- Ask two older members to act as control vehicles. A “Rear Marker” and “Centre Marker” are usually best to help guide the convoy safely.
- Proceed at a legal pace that suits all participants, and keep in touch with your designated control vehicles to judge the convoy’s progress.
- It is your responsibility to assess the track conditions, and guide the group throughout the trip to ensure a safe and enjoyable outing.
- At the conclusion of the trip, check-off all participants and retrieve any loan equipment if necessary.
- Take donation money to next meeting and hand to treasurer.

Club Merchandise



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- $27 - Polo Shirts
- $30 - Jumpers
- $40 - Hoodies
- $15 - Caps
- $15 Beanies

Kids

- $22 - Polo Shirts
- $17 - T-Shirts
- $30 - Jumpers
- $35 - Hoodies

If anyone is interested in ordering merchandise please contact Treasurer – Leanne Middleton

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Name : Tamworth 4WD Club

B.S.B.: 032-621

Account Number: 895405

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PUT YOUR NAME AS THE REFENCE SO WE KNOW WHO THE MONEY IS FOR

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

All members will need to complete a membership form when paying their annual membership fees.

This helps to keep records updated on current members and for insurance purposes.

NEW FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS OR CONTACT THE SECRETARY

Email: tam4wdclub@hotmail.com
: dave.maunder@gmail.com
Phone (Dave) : 0429111017
:0429656363
(Leanne) : 0408605343

Family membership: $60/year

Tamworth 4wd Club Membership Renewal/Confirmation of Details

Surname: ……

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Signature of Member: …… Date: ……

Signature of Partner: …… Date: ……

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Names of Members:

_____

Member's Signatures:

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